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POLYMERIC MICROSPHERES**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following comments are intended to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement advanced in the Official Action dated January 5, 2009.

Specifically, applicants hereby elect for prosecution in the subject application the invention defined by claims 1-10 (Group I) drawn to a method for producing microspheres. This election is however with traverse.

Applicants note in this regard that the Examiner's position is that Levendis et al discloses one common technical feature between claim Groups I and II of producing microspheres by generating an aerosol of initiated liquid monomer which then falls through an inert gas to allow for polymerization.